

Peer Review, Information Standards and Access Working Group 6

NACDAC Meeting

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Working Group 6 Members

- **NCADAC members**
 - Sharon Hays, Computer Sciences Corporation (co-chair)
 - T.C. Richmond, GordonDerr (co-chair)
 - Mary Gade, Gade Environmental Group
 - Leonard Hirsch, Smithsonian Institution
 - Peter Kareiva, The Nature Conservancy
 - Richard Schmalensee, Massachusetts institute of Technology
 - Marie O'Neill, University of Michigan
 - Lindene Patton, Zurich Financial Services
 - Andrew Rosenberg, Conservation International
- **Non-NCADAC members**
 - Tom Armstrong, USGCRP
 - Fabien Laurier, USGCRP
 - Emily Wasley, USGCRP
 - Nancy Beck (invited), OMB
 - John Keck, NOAA
 - Glenn E Tallia, NOAA Gen Counsel
- **Staff** - Anne Waple, NOAA

Recommended Clarified Charges of WG 6

1. Establish standards or guidelines
2. Establish quality assurance process
3. Support USGCRP Portal

Charge 1

Establish standards or guidelines

- For **public dissemination for use** by potential contributors and technical input teams and by WGs and NCADAC;
- For the review, categorization, and labeling of **submitted materials**;
- For materials to be (1) **incorporated** into the NCA documents and website or (2) **supplemental** to the NCA website;
- To ensure consistency with the **Information Quality Act** and associated **NOAA standards**; and
- To recognize that the NCA will use categories of information ranging from **traditional** peer-reviewed literature to **non-traditional or 'grey'** sources

Charge 2

Establish quality assurance process

- Process for evaluation of the quality and limitations of important 'grey' source material;
- For materials that are to be included in the NCA;
- For providing quality assurance for ongoing updates; and
- That has the characteristics of: maximum transparency and usability, interoperability, archiving, metadata standards and review.

Expected Products for Charges 1 and 2

- 1) Written guidelines in matrix**
 - 2) Quality assurance process in decision-tree format**
 - 3) FAQ**
- All made available in web-format for use by potential contributors to self-identify and for author team evaluations.

NOTE: Not WG 6's Charge

- *WG 6 is not charged with conducting the review of submittals*

Charge 3

Support USGCRP Portal

- With **both static and live data** sources available to support the NCA;
 - For **ongoing long-term** portal maintenance; and
 - For **transparency** of portal and data.
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- Note: USGCRP to determine responsibility for archiving the “snapshot data” (that is, data sources that are subject to change as new projections or scientific advances are made).

Expected Products for Charges 3

Highly accessible portal

- With **transparency** of data;
- That is compatible with and supports **Guidelines and Quality Assurance Review process**; and
- Leads to **greater utility** of the NCA and supplemental material.

9 Steps

1. Identify possible **types of data and materials** in conjunction with NCADAC
2. Develop **case studies** for types of materials and data
3. Gather background and education on **legal requirements**
4. Develop **questions** for FAQ
5. Develop **categorization of inputs** (e.g. original, synthesized, interpretive)

9 Steps

6. **First Drafts Guideline-Matrix Decision-Tree and FAQ**
By mid-Sept
7. **Circulate** for review (with comments due by October 1)
 - NCADAC,
 - National Academies, NOAA, EPA, USFWS
8. **Final Draft distributed to NCADAC**
By October 15
9. **Public distribution**